

*Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters
Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 6, 2019
Professional Licensing Boards Division
237 Coliseum Drive Macon, Georgia 31217
Open Session Minutes*

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on **Wednesday, November 6, 2019**, at the office of Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

Board Members Present:

James Johnson, Chairman
Brian Stone, Vice Chairman
Babe McGowan
Grant Harvey
Wade Hall

Absent Board Members:

Dotty Porter, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Darren Mickler - Executive Director
Charlotte Mason - Licensure Supervisor
Logan Malcom – Board Support Specialist
Alison Spencer – Assistant Attorney General (via teleconference)

Guests

None

Open Session

Chairman James Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of Open Session Minutes

Chairman James Johnson presented a draft of the August 7, 2019 Open Session Board Meeting minutes. Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion to approve the minutes with edits. Wade Hall seconded the motion, and the vote carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion for Grant Harvey, Executive Director Darren Mickler and Alison Spencer to work together and draft a rule for online continuing education and rules. The Board desires for an option for foresters to obtain their 12 hours of continuing education via on-line webinars either archived or live events. Babe McGowan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Wade Hall made a motion for James Johnson, Grant Harvey, Executive Director Darren Mickler and Alison Spencer to present a drafted reciprocity application at the January 29, 2020 Board meeting. Vice Chairman Brian Stone seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion to update the fee schedule to reflect the reinstatement fee be \$160.00 per cycle with a maximum of three cycles. The three cycle maximum correlates to the three cycle maximum for continuing education credits. Babe McGowan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board briefly discussed the process and duties of cognizant and staff members. Secretary of Staff review all applications for completeness and acceptability prior to asking for cognizant review.

Executive Session

Babe McGowan made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:43 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications, complaints, investigative matters, and to receive investigative reports. Wade Hall seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included: Chairman James Johnson, Vice Chairman Brian Stone and Grant Harvey.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters meeting was closed at 11:35 a.m. and Chairman James Johnson declared the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters to be “open” pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session.

Open Session

The Board entered back into Open Session at 11:35 a.m.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion to approve the August 7, 2019 Executive Session Board Meeting minutes with edits. Grant Harvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued:

Grant Harvey made a motion, Babe McGowan seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the following licenses issued from August 7, 2019 – November 6, 2019:

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| license No | Licensee |
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| RF003021 | Jonathan Henry Lee |
| RF003022 | Harper Elisha Hanway |
| RF003023 | Kendra Faith Wiard |

Applicants:

RF002683 – Wade Hall made a motion for the Board to approve the hardship continuing education wavier. Grant Harvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

RF002546 – Wade Hall made a motion for the Board to approve the medical hardship wavier for continuing education. Grant Harvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APP2831385 – Wade Hall made a motion for the Board to approve the medical hardship wavier for continuing education. Grant Harvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APP2822474 – Wade Hall made a motion for the Board to approve the applicant for examination. Grant Harvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APP2824277 – Wade Hall made a motion for the Board to approve the applicant for examination. Grant Harvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APP2825293 – Wade Hall made a motion for the Board to approve the applicant for examination. Grant Harvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APP2827617 – Wade Hall made a motion for the Board to approve the applicant for examination. Grant Harvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APP2829313 – Wade Hall made a motion for the Board to approve the applicant for examination. Grant Harvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APP2814126 – Wade Hall made a motion for the Board to approve the applicant for examination. Grant Harvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APP2831602 – Wade Hall made a motion for the Board to approve the applicant for examination. Grant Harvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APP2830482 – Wade Hall made a motion for the Board to approve the applicant for examination. Grant Harvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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APP2664095 – Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion for the Board to approve the applicant for licensure. Wade Hall seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Complaints:

FOR200001 – Grant Harvey made a motion for the Board to refer the case to Secretary of State Investigations (SSI). Chairman James Johnson is to send over a list of questions and topics for the Investigator to ask and explore. Wade Hall seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney General Report:

Assistant Attorney General Alison Spencer presented her AG Report during Executive Session.

Executive Director Report:

Executive Director Darren Mickler informed the Board that Board staff would be taking over the Georgia State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Vice Chairman Brian Stone is to ask the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and Georgia Forestry Association (GFA) to send out reminders to renew Registered Forester licenses. Chairman James Johnson has already made the request to Georgia Forestry Commission

Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion for the Board to re-elect Chairman James Johnson to serve as 2020 Chairman of the Georgia Board of Registered Foresters. Wade Hall seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Babe McGowan made a motion for the Board to re-elect Vice Chairman Brian Stone to serve as 2020 Vice Chairman of the Georgia Board of Registered Foresters. Wade Hall seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2020 Foresters Board Meeting Dates

Wednesday, January 29, 2020
Wednesday, April 22, 2020
Tuesday, August 11, 2020
Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Vice Chairman Brian Stone gave a brief summary on ASBORF meeting. One item to suggest at next year's meeting is for Forester Boards to share information if a Forester's license is revoked

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or suspended for cause to alert other states that may have licensed the individual through reciprocity.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on January 29, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Logan Malcom, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Darren Mickler, Executive Director

James Johnson, Chairman
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These minutes were accepted on: January 29, 2020